

sixth grade at Rock Creek Grammar School. At Placer High School, he played soccer, but particularly excelled at basketball, a sport made for a man six feet five inches tall.

Richard's service to me has been notable because he has always been willing to put others ahead of himself. He has seen the benefit of developing a team based on strong relationships and mutual respect. Even at our most trying times, I always knew that Richard was acting with my best interests in mind.

As he looks to new opportunities, (and I know they will be numerous for a man of his talents) I wish him and his family much happiness and success.

IN HONOR OF COLONEL MARY  
GENE RYAN

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2007*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of my friend Colonel Mary Gene Ryan, who is retiring after 31 years of military service.

Colonel Ryan has served at both military bases in my district, Vandenberg Air Force Base and Naval Base Ventura County. She is retiring from the 30th Medical Group at Vandenberg as the Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the Commander.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in nursing, Colonel Ryan entered the U.S. Air Force as a Second Lieutenant. She earned her master's degree in public health 4 years later as she worked her way up the ranks and gained experience and accreditation as a second flight nurse, a medical crew director and flight nurse instructor in the C-9, C-141 and C-130 while stationed at Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany.

She returned to the states as Officer In Charge of Environmental Health at Wilford Hall Medical Center in Texas, then made her transition to California as Chief of Environmental Health at Edwards Air Force Flight Test Center. By this time she had been promoted to captain and soon after, to major.

When the Air Force dissolved the Environmental Health Nurse career field, Colonel Ryan transferred to the California Air National Guard at what is now Naval Base Ventura County. She served at Naval Base Ventura County as Nurse Executive and Executive Officer and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

She later transferred to the Air Force Reserve and became Chief of Nursing Services at March Air Reserve Base. She was promoted to full Colonel on April 1, 2004.

While pursuing a successful medical military career, Colonel Ryan also worked in the civilian field and co-founded her own business, MGRyan & Co., Inc., a full-service safety and health consulting firm. She also served as Manager of Health & Safety for the County of Ventura and as Director of Occupational Health at Peterson Medical Clinic in Oxnard, California.

And, if that were not enough, Colonel Ryan is also a successful wife and mother. She and Dr. Robert E. Ryan III have three children, 24-year-old Michael, 21-year-old Jessica, and 16-year-old Matthew.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating Colonel Mary Gene

Ryan on her retirement from military service and thank her for her many years of dedication to the military and the health and welfare of the men and women who serve in the Air Force, Air Force Reserves, and California Air National Guard.

TRIBUTE TO WEST VIRGINIA  
SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

**HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2007*

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine as a leader in the study and practice of rural medicine.

The need for primary care physicians in rural areas is of great importance to our Nation's overall health care delivery system. These providers are often on the front lines of health care delivery and provide much needed care to our sick and elderly populations.

Since its first graduating class in 1978, the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine has countered this need by producing gifted physicians prepared to practice rural medicine.

In fact, nearly half of the school's graduates go on to serve in rural communities that are in desperate need of their care. Often understaffed and covering large geographic areas, these communities require accommodating physicians with a range of services.

Madam Speaker, as today's medical profession is glamorized in the public consciousness by popular television dramas it is the graduates of West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine who go on to serve in rural communities that deserve to be celebrated. I thank the school's students, faculty and staff for their service and wish them continued success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO SHELDON S.  
CRAMMER

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2007*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to sacrifice for our country through military service.

Sheldon S. Crammer of Conyers, Georgia answered the call and served our nation in time of war from 1942-1944.

On the beaches of Normandy and in the French Theater on the European continent, Sheldon S. Crammer displayed valor, determination, and calm and was wounded in the line of duty.

This remarkable and courageous man gave of himself, in defense of this Nation.

Sheldon S. Crammer is a soldier, a warrior, a father, a grandfather, a son, a brother, and a friend.

After many years, long overdue recognition of his service is being duly noted with the granting of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart in a special ceremony attended by his family, friends, and fellow veterans.

I was pleased to proclaim May 19, 2007 as Sheldon S. Crammer Day for his brave service to our country.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT ALEX-  
ANDER BORGARDTS FOR  
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE  
SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2007*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Robert Alexander Borgardts, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Robert has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Robert has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Robert Alexander Borgardts for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout. I am honored to represent Robert in the United States House of Representatives.

A TRIBUTE TO MILDRED LEIGH  
GOLD

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2007*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mildred Leigh Gold, a compassionate leader, a breast cancer survivor, and an advocate from the Fourth Congressional District. Mrs. Leigh Gold is recognized at the national, regional and local level for her work and achievements in the area of breast cancer awareness and treatment.

Mrs. Leigh Gold came to Milwaukee in 1969. She was immediately hired by Catholic Social Services and worked there for 18 years. She provided counseling, guidance and other assistance to central city youth from 2 community sites: the House of Peace and the Inner City Development Project. In 1989, Mrs. Leigh Gold was diagnosed with breast cancer and this life altering event led to a significant change in her career. She became active with the Breast Cancer Awareness Task Force Board.

In 1990, she accepted the challenge to design and implement the community-focused, City of Milwaukee Breast Cancer Awareness Program. This trailblazing, first-of-its-kind program took breast cancer screening services into underserved neighborhoods with a mobile van. The program has provided breast cancer screening service to over 27,000 women and reached many more women through its education awareness component. Public Health